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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR REPLACEMENT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT

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- 1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES URGENCY OF GOH'S REQUEST FOR REPLACEMENT AMMUNITION, AND VULNERABLE POSITION CURRENT SITUATION IMPOSES ON GOH. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONCERNED WHETHER REQUEST IS REASONABLE IN TERMS OF STRICTLY FINANCIAL AND MILITARY CONSIDERATIONS.
- 2. FINANCIALLY, GOH HAS EITHER INDICATED AN INTEREST IN OR OBLIGATED ITSELF TO SEVERAL SUBSTANTIAL PURCHASES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. ESTIMATED COST OF LIST PRESENTED IN REF A IS U.S. DOLS. 2.2 MILLION. THIS DOES NOT REPEAT NOT INCLUDE ITEMS B, G, AND N (WHICH ARE OF NON-U.S. ORIGIN) AND CONFIDENTIAL

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ITEMS (WHICH IS NO LONGER IN U.S. STOCK.)

- 3. MILITARILY, REVIEW OF CHAPTER V, HAITI SURVEY REPORT AND ENCLOSURES 29 AND 30 SUGGEST THAT LIST OVER-STATED, ESPECIALLY WHEN VIEWED IN TERMS OF RATE OF EXPENDITURE OF AMMUNITION AND PAST PROBLEMS OF STORAGE. FOR EXAMPLE, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT QUANTITY OF AMMUNITION EXCEEDS TUBE LIFE OF MORTARS AND 40MM WEAPONS. WOULD GOH HAVE SUFFICIENT, PROPERLY-EQUIPPED STORAGE CAPABILITY FOR THIS VOLUME OF MUNITIONS?
- 4. RE POSSIBLE FUTURE REQUESTS FOR EQUIPMENT INCLUDING UNIFORMS A CONSOLIDATED LIST OF GOH REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE HELPFUL IN ORDER PUT PRESENT REQUEST IN CONTEXT. AS WE DO NOT ENVISAGE GRANT OF ANY KIND SINCE MAP IS IN SHARP DOWNWARD TREND, EMBASSY SHOULD STEER GOH TOWARD STRAIGHT FMS CASH SALES. FMS CREDIT IS GENERALLY NOT AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE OF CONSUMABLES SUCH AS PARTS, AMMUNITION OR UNIFORMS, AND WE WOULD PREFER AVOID FMS CREDIT QUESTION FOR HAITI AT THIS TIME.
- 5. DEPARTMENT HOPES THAT IF DECISIONS ON ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS CAN BE MADE BY EMBASSY AND GOH, ACTUAL PURCHASE TRANSACTIONS CAN MOVE FORWARD EXPEDITIOUSLY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE, REVISED REQUEST SHOULD BE IN FORM OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO EMBASSY PORT-AU-PRINCE FOR TELEGRAPHIC TRSNAMITTAL TO DEPT. ROGERS

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